

To the Hon. General Assembly of North Carolina

The petitioner of Lucy T Reid wife of Thomas M D Reid  
of Newt<sup>t</sup> that she intermarried with the said Thomas M D Reid  
in the year 1828. and when she was of tender age to with about  
19 years. That she lived with the said Thomas for some time &  
discharged with fidelity at all times the duties of her station.  
Your petitioner discovered after her marriage that the said Reid  
was not a man of character. that he stood low in the estimation  
of those among whom he had lived for years. She shew<sup>s</sup> further  
that he resided before his marriage with petitioner ~~at~~ <sup>now</sup> at a  
distance from your petitioner and among those who were strangers  
to her. But by his address and plausible manners he  
continued to win the affections of your petitioner and deceive  
her as to his character & standing. She further shew<sup>s</sup> that  
by various means the said Reid spent all the estate of  
your petitioner which she had inherited from her father and  
became a bankrupt. that before this took place he was cruel  
and inhuman in his behavior to your petitioner but her  
pride of character and sense of duty to herself family con-  
strained your petitioner to endure her wrongs in silence  
in order that she might conceal the disgrace <sup>of</sup> ~~to~~ her family  
But your petitioner shew<sup>s</sup> that after the said Reid became  
insolvent and all his property was sold he gave fresh  
impulse <sup>to</sup> his evil and cruel temper and even  
degraded <sup>by & vulgar abuse</sup> ~~himself~~ & your petitioner by <sup>repeated thoughts</sup> ~~implacable~~ blows upon  
the body of your petitioner. This too was endured by your  
petitioner and every effort made to reconcile the furious  
and暴躁的 temper of her husband. But it soon became  
evident that her husband had adopted the ~~miscreant~~ <sup>treacherous</sup>  
scheme of co-ercing your petitioner's mother who  
is a widow to re-convey to the said Thomas M D Reid  
all the property of the said Thomas which your petitioner's  
mother had bought at his sales with her own funds &  
that scheme he resolved to put into effect by the mean  
device of abusing your petitioner. The indignity which